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PREFACE

THIS book has been compiled to meet the special needs of members of the Student Christian Movement for a collection of prayers in a convenient form, suitable for private use and also for use at Christian Union meetings, Bible circles, retreats and conferences.

A reference to the Table of Contents will show the arrangement of the book. Part I. consists of a Service for each day of the week, which may be used either privately or for corporate prayer. Part II. contains a few Litanies, and Part III. a collection of Collects for use in relation to special needs or on special occasions. It is hoped that the sub-classification of Part III. under main headings will make it easier to find the prayer required than if an index including each prayer had been provided.

Several members of the Student Movement have assisted in the compilation of this book, and this, coupled with the fact that one of the men who did most work on it is now engaged on active military service, has made tracing the original sources of some of the prayers very difficult. Every effort, however, has been made not to infringe any existing copyright, and should any copyright have been infringed we would here express our sincere regret and apologies. Our thanks are due to the following publishers and others who have kindly given permission for the use of copyright material from various books:—Messrs. G. Bell & Sons, Ltd., for a

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Part I.

Daily Services of Thanksgiving and Intercession for One Week.

SUNDAY.

A Service of Joy.

Grace and Peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

THANKSGIVING.

Let us give thanks unto the doer of good and the merciful, God the Father of our Lord and our God and Saviour Jesus Christ, for He hath sheltered us, He hath succoured us, He hath kept us, He hath redeemed us unto Himself, He hath spared us, He hath helped us and brought us unto this hour. Let us, therefore, pray to Him that He keep us in this holy day and all the days of our life, the Almighty Lord our God.

O Father in heaven, from Whose love comes down all we love, we come before Thee with hearts made glad by Thee; make us ready to offer Thee the joy that is Thy gift and to worship Thee with praises as unwearied as Thy goodness,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For all the rest and peace of this Thy holy day, when we may turn aside to Thee awhile and, remembering all Thy mercies, seek Thy Face,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For all Thy love for us, bestowed upon us in our family and home, and in all we love best,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For all Thy beauty seen in the wonders of nature and the great things of art,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For all Thy care towards us received through friends and benefactors and all who have been good to us,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For all Thy guidance and watchfulness over us in giving us teachers and books, in guarding us through our life at school and college, in inspiring us through holy men and women,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For all Thy peace which Thou hast given us in saving us from too great troubling of our soul about worldly condition,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For all Thy grace in tempering for us the assaults of temptation and drawing our hearts from the snares of this life,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For all Thy gifts to us in the Church, the Bible, the Sacraments and all other means of Grace,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For our knowledge of Thy Will for our perfection, and our foretaste of the joys of Thy perfect service,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For the revelation of Thyself which Thou hast given us by showing us Christ Jesus and sending His Spirit into our hearts whereby we know Thy Fatherhood and long to be transformed into His likeness,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For all the circumstances and events in which Thou hast caused us particularly to rejoice at this time,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For these and all Thine other benefits which we cannot trace or fathom we give Thee most humble and hearty thanks, O Father in heaven.

An Act of Penitence.

O Father, Thou hast given to me the portion which falleth to me of Thy bounty. Thou didst divide to me Thy very Life though I was but a younger son and all Thy love was my inheritance.

And yet I have left my home and wasted my inheritance which Thou gavest me. I have devoured my substance in a far country.

And now, O Father, I am come to myself—I perish with hunger—I will arise and say to Thee :

I am no longer worthy to be called Thy son, yet make me Thy servant, feed me and send me not away but suffer me, I beseech Thee, to stay in the Household of Thy Love for Thy mercy's sake. Amen.

INTERCESSION.

For a Thankful Spirit.

Gracious God, Who hast taught us that it is a joyful and pleasant thing to be thankful ; give me grace, I beseech Thee, to be truly and sincerely thankful for all Thy mercies bestowed on me, and grant that I may use all Thy gifts to set forth Thy glory and set forward my own salvation ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Against Temptations of Prosperity.

O merciful Lord, Who of Thy own free goodness hast given to us peaceful days and an abundance of good things beyond our hearts' desire; suffer us not to be corrupted with so great prosperity, lest we utterly forget the Giver in the gifts, but rather increase our humility and gratitude; for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. Amen.

Against the Neglect of Personal Ties.

O Thou of Whom every family in earth is named, preserve, strengthen, and sanctify to us, we beseech Thee, all the bonds of affection and fellowship with which Thou hast girt our life; let the love which is natural be moulded and made mightier through a deepening sense of Thy Fatherhood and our brotherhood with men in Jesus Christ, that lifted into the community of Thy saints and fostered in the family of Thy little ones we may draw near to Thee in Him Whose Spirit cries within us, Abba, Father. Amen.

For all Men Everywhere.

O Master of the household, Who hast given all the world for a home to Thy children, look with mercy upon all those who in every place have this day come to Thee with prayer and praise, nor forget those others who have to-day forgotten Thee. Give us part, we beseech Thee, with them in the worship that goes up from all Thy creation, and graciously hear our prayers for those who neglect to pray for themselves, that they all, with us, may be sheltered beneath Thy covering wings and enfolded in the peace of Thy breast. Amen.

For the Whole Church of Christ.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who saidst to Thy disciples, 'Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you"; regard not our sins but the faith of Thy Church, and grant unto it that peace and unity which are according to Thy will, Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

For Those Among Whom We Live.

O Maker of us men, Who hast set us in no strange land, but surrounded our little life with familiar things and well-known faces, we pray for all those amongst whom we live, our neighbours and acquaintances and those amongst whom we work, as well as our best friends and near relations. We cheerfully commit them all to Thy favour and care; pardon their sins, preserve them from all dangers of body and soul; and grant that we and they may ever dwell with Thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For Absent Friends.

O God, Who art everywhere present, look down in Thy all-seeing love upon those who are absent from among us; give Thy holy angels charge over them to keep them in all their ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY.

A Service of Submission and Endeavour.

THE DIFFICULTIES OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP.

PRAISE.

O Lord of hosts, Who hast given us our station and our weapons in Thine army for the warfare of this life, setting comrades beside us and sending Jesus Christ before us, make us to feel the glory and strength of Thy victorious advance and to hear the triumph song where Christ marches at the head of His saints, conquering and to conquer.

For our creation, preservation, and place in Thy purpose,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For our work and play that fit us for Thy service,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For all who have gone up with high hope and good courage to Thy battle,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For those who have triumphed, passing through great distress and dreary places to the victory,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For all who on earth have remembered their citizenship in heaven and reached the home which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For Thy promise of daily strength and wisdom,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

PENITENCE AND PRAYER.

O Lord, Who hast blessed us with the privilege of service, and given us to hear Thy commands and to follow Thy Son; we have been but cowardly and careless in the use of Thy weapons, we have been slack against sin, and often grown weary of our warfare and laid down our arms.

We have no right to be of the goodly fellowship of Thy tried veterans, we cannot march with their sure tread, nor fight with their blithe confidence.

Yet let us continue in Thy host, though but straggling on the way and lagging in the rear, till by the discipline of Thy training and the inspiration of Thy leadership, and our comradeship with Thy saints, we come to make good soldiers under Thy banner which goes before us into victory. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From all listlessness and indolence, which hang about us in work and in prayer, and hold us back from Thee and from our place in Thy Kingdom,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From depression, disloyalty, and despair; from indulgence in questionings of Thy Providence; from mistrust and murmuring at Thine ordinances,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From dullness of vision; from dryness of spirit; from lack of graciousness in conduct,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From surrender of hope and aspiration; from sloth and slumber; from drifting, and content with things as they are,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From absorption in affairs; from misuse of Thy gifts and from deafness to Thy calls,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From self-conceit and self-confidence; from restlessness and rebellion,

Deliver us, good Lord.

INTERCESSION.

For Christians in Daily Life.

Remember, O Lord, all whom Thou hast set to serve in Thy battlefield, whether at home or abroad, whether in college or in business, whether in multitude or in solitude; stand by them, we beseech Thee, in all strain and stress, in all weariness and weakness, in sudden temptation or long resistance, in failure or success, in dreariness and dullness, in darkness, perplexity, or delusion. Let them all lift up their eyes to see Thee standing in their station and suffering in their stead, so that, kept strong and patient, controlled and corrected by Thy strengthening and steadying sway, they may endure to the end and share the rest and refreshment of Thy Kingdom. Amen.

For a Sense of the Presence and Purpose of God.

O Lord God and Father, Thou knowest how blind we are to Thy presence, how dead to Thy purpose and deaf to Thy call; grant us to feel Thy guiding hand through all the scattered details of our daily life, in all the tumult to hear Thy still, small voice, and in all dimness of our spirits to have a sense of Thine everlasting arms up-bearing us, so that, being willing to spend and be spent in Thy service, we may accomplish all that Thou wouldest, and at the last find fulfilment in the perfect freedom of Thy sole sovereignty. Amen.

For Advance in Holiness.

O Merciful Father, impart to me Thy grace that I may add to my faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge patience, and to patience brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity, that, not forgetting Thou hast purged me from dead works, I may become fruitful in my life and give all diligence to make my calling and election sure. Amen.

For Firmness in the Faith.

Grant to Thy servant, O God, inviolable steadfastness of faith, that I may endure as seeing Him that is invisible, and knowing in my heart the grace of Thy Spirit, I may be more and more conformed to the likeness of Thy Son and hereafter behold Him face to face where with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, He liveth and reigneth in all peace and power. Amen.

For Purity of Intention.

Thou hast made us for Thyself, O God, and we are restless till we find rest in Thee. Enable me, I beseech Thee, by Thy light, to search out the secrets of my heart, and do Thou so purify my spirit by the flame of Thy love, that all my life may be spent with a steadfast regard and single eye to Thy glory, and may be holy and acceptable to Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY.

A Service of Duty and Fellowship.

THE COMMON LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY.

PRAISE.

For the rich gifts that Thou hast offered us through civilization:

In the safety, leisure and ease of life,
In the beauty of art, music and architecture,
In the wealth and fascination of literature,
In law and order,
In peace at home and abroad,
In social intercourse and opportunities,
In industrial co-operation and mutual help,
In the work of men of genius and power,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For Thy special endowments, and assistance granted to ourselves, especially . . . . ,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For the moving of Thy Spirit in the social life of our day:

Through discontent with all preventible distress, disaster and disease,
Through a spirit of unrest in all unbrotherly relations,
Through indignation with all wrongdoing and oppression,
Through a sense of our general sinfulness made known in its social consequences,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For our calling to be ever with the Lord in His Kingdom, and for the foretaste of that joy in the service of the kingdom in this world,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For all who have been faithful disciples in the daily work of life and have entered into Thy rest,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

PENITENCE.

O King of us men and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hast made a great marriage feast for Thy Son and sent forth Thy servants to call us that are bidden to it.

We have refused to come. Thou sendest again and again and hast made all things ready. We have made light of Thy call and gone our ways and even hurt Thy servants.

We that are bidden are not worthy; yet be not very wroth, destroy us not, but send forth Thy servants yet again to call us as well as others to the feast.

And grant that we, repenting and turning, the one from his ease, the other from his business, may yet be found by them in the highways and constrained to come in to that great supper of the Lamb. Amen.

INTERCESSION.

From all deafness to Thy call and all pre-occupation with self-chosen ends,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From slackness in seeking Thy will for ourselves and others,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From all self-seeking and indifference to others in the work of earning a living,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From all neglect to hallow the common life of business,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From conformity to the world and complacency with less than the best,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From all pride of class or race, from proud carelessness of speech and action, and from all contempt of others,

Deliver us, good Lord.

For the purifying and preservation in purity of all ranks and stations of society,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For the Christian spirit of fellowship and love in college life,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For the leavening of social and industrial life by Thy disciples,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For a ready response to each new call to service of country in our own and other lands,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For the Christian communities of Africa and the East, for their part in the development of the world in our time,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For the Thoughtless.

O God and Father of all, Who delightest in the happiness of Thy creatures; send down Thy Holy Spirit upon those who are drawn away by the pleasures of youth, the opportunities of wealth, or the excitement of sin,

and forget Thee and their regenerate life. Enlighten them, calm them, control them, make them to see the vanity of earthly pleasures, and subdue their natural energies by the power of Thy supernatural love, that they may spend them in Thy service, to Thy honour and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Guidance of Choice.

O God of light and truth, may Thy Holy Spirit direct all those who are in doubt and perplexity; let them faithfully consider what is required of them, that they may see their duty in the settled purpose of doing what they believe to be most acceptable to Thee. Help them to omit nothing in order to be rightly impressed and wisely directed, and then strengthen them to walk bravely in the love of Thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Surrender of Will.

O most blessed, most gracious Saviour, Jesus, Who by Thy obedience unto death, even the death of the cross, didst become the great example of patience, the Lord of life, the Good Shepherd, laying down Thy life for the sheep; grant that by Thine aid and after Thine example, I may obey my Heavenly Father with all my powers and all my faculties, with my reason and affections, with my soul and with my body, with my time and talents, in prosperity and adversity, that I may bear injuries patiently, and do Thy work cheerfully to Thy glory and the benefit of my neighbour, that so, being a follower of Thy life and a partaker of Thy death, I may receive a part in the resurrection of the just and enter into the joys of God in Thine inheritance, O most blessed, most gracious Saviour, Jesus. Amen.

For Special Vocation to the Service of God.

O Lord, Who hast reserved for each one of us a special place and purpose in Thy kingdom ; grant us prayerfully and diligently to seek out Thy Holy Will for ourselves, that whether abroad or at home, whether in Thy ministry or ordinary life, or in whatever station, we may serve Thee where we are set and find peace and power in the fulfilment of Thy Will. Amen.

WEDNESDAY

A Service of Loyalty.

THE WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH.

PRAISE.

O Lord of the vineyard, Who hast made this earth the soil for souls and set them here to be trained and watered and fed with Thy grace that they may bear fruit in this life and finally be worthy to be transplanted to Thy paradise,

We praise and glorify Thy Holy Name.

For Thy Church, the pillar and ground of the truth, the mother of saints in all ages and all lands,

We praise and glorify Thy Holy Name.

For the great cloud of witnesses with which Thou hast encompassed us, the noble army of martyrs, the goodly company of the prophets, and all holy and humble men of heart.

We praise and glorify Thy Holy Name.

That Thou hast placed us in the midst of so great a society, especially for the clear souls through whom we have seen the light, our fathers and mothers in God and all Christlike spirits we have known,

We praise and glorify Thy Holy Name.

That Thou hast given us so goodly a heritage, especially for all the help of opportunities for worship and work in the life of Thy Church, for the Sacraments and all means of grace, by which our bodies are made temples of Thy Spirit and our members avenues of Thy grace,

We praise and glorify Thy Holy Name.

That Thou hast set men for the service of their brethren, and placed stewards over Thy mysteries and ordered a chain of ministers to draw us to Thee,

We praise and glorify Thy Holy Name.

That Thou hast called us all to be kings and priests in the Kingdom of Thy Son,

We praise and glorify Thy Holy Name.

That Thou hast in our day stirred up in our midst a longing for the unity of Thy Church and a hope of its accomplishment,

We praise and glorify Thy Holy Name.

PENITENCE.

O Lord, Who hast planted us in Thy vineyard, and fenced us about with a guarding wall, and given husbandmen to care for us.

We have not repaid Thy tending; Thou comest to us seeking fruit—and findest none. We are barren and do but cumber the ground.

But, O Lord, cut us not down yet—suffer us this season also—let us receive yet from Thee care and nourishment.

And then, O Lord, make us truly fruitful, let us yield Thee some faithful recompense for all the pains Thou hast bestowed on us. Amen.

From all slighting of Thy love and neglect of Thy benefits offered us freely in Christ Jesus,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From carelessness and misuse of our privileges in the place where Thy providence has set us, and unworthiness of our inheritance,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From all hardness and shallowness in our relations with our fellow men, and all loveless dealings with the brother for whom Christ died.

Deliver us, good Lord.

From all coldness and indifference towards the foreign missionary work of Thy Church; and from all lack of sympathy and prayer for those without the Gospel of Christ,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From all lip-service, all slackness and laziness, all lack of faith and fervour, all sentimentality and sanctimoniousness, all insincerity and trifling with our own souls or those of others,

Deliver us, good Lord.

INTERCESSION.

For Ministers and Missionaries.

Remember, O Lord, all that do Thy work at home and abroad in the ministry and care of souls. Give them great gifts and great holiness, that, wisely and charitably, diligently and zealously, prudently and acceptably, they may be guides to the blind, comforters to the sad and weary; that they may strengthen the weak and confirm the strong, boldly rebuke sin, patiently suffer for the truth, and be examples by their lives; that in all their discipline and ministrations, in all their actions and sermons, they may advance the good of souls and the honour of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

For all Workers.

O Lord, without Whom our labour is but lost, and with Whom Thy little ones go forth as the mighty, be present to all works which are undertaken according to Thy will, and grant to Thy labourers a pure intention, patient faith, sufficient means upon earth and the bliss of serving Thee in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PETITIONS.

For Power to Help Others.

O eternal Jesus, Who, loving Thine own, didst love them to the end; give me of Thy abundant charity that I may love the eternal benefit of my brother's soul with a true, diligent and affectionate care and tenderness. Give me a fellow feeling for the calamities of others, a readiness to bear their burdens, a great meekness and modesty, trembling at my own infirmities, fearful in my brother's dangers, and joyful in his restoration to security. Lord, let all my actions be pious and prudent, and my whole life exemplary and just and charitable, that I may, like a lamp shining in Thy Temple, serve Thee and lighten others and guide them to Thy Sanctuary, that I and all Thy Christian people, knit in a holy fellowship, may enter into the joy of our Lord and partake of the eternal refreshments of Thy kingdom of light and glory, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

For Movements and Fellowships.

O Thou that art the true vine and we only of Thy stock, we thank Thee for the moving of Thy Spirit which has put forth new life and leaf among such dying branches and dead wood as ourselves; we beseech Thee bring not our small efforts and great hopes to the nothingness that they deserve, but rather make them worthier of Thee, and by the support and quickening of Thy ever-ready grace bring them to good fruit. Amen.

For Societies.

O Lord, Who only doest great wonders, send down upon all societies and associations of Thy Church, which were founded for Thy honour and glory, the full measure of Thy Spirit—save them from the dangers of organization, keep them fresh with the air of Thy heaven, and cleansed with Thy purifying fire, so that, as a sacred band of servants, all the members, directors and officials may seek and ensue Thy holy will for our day and generation, O Lord, Thou lover of souls.

Look, we beseech Thee, O Lord, in great love and uplifting power on all corporate efforts at home or abroad to obey Thy commands, to teach, to heal, to give alms, to cover the naked and visit the prisoners. Save them from all self-sufficiency or mere efficiency; give to all those who work in them a burning love as well as a sense of duty, and let all self-seeking be done away, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

THURSDAY.

A Service of Hope.

The Growth and Progress of the Kingdom

PRAISE.

O Lord, Who hast set before us a great hope that Thy Kingdom shall come on earth, and hast taught us to pray for that end, give us hearts to thank Thee for the signs of its dawning, and to pray and work for the perfect day when Thy will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven.

For the work of Thy Spirit within and beyond the bounds of Thy visible Church,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For the work of Thy Spirit in the history of the world before Christ, through peaceful advance, and through pain and tumult and war,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For the work of Thy Spirit in the history of our own country, through its heroes and leaders, in statecraft, law and industry,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For the work of Thy Spirit in drawing the world together through science and commerce, through literature and art,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For the work of Thy Spirit in the growing desire for peace amongst the nations and co-operation in society at home and for brotherhood everywhere,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For the work of Thy Spirit in the spread of education and the development of a fuller life for individuals with healthier surroundings and better conditions,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For the work of Thy Spirit in the deepening sense of human worth in all nations and classes and the growing reverence for womanhood and childhood,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For the work of Thy Spirit in the Church of our generation impelling us to spread the Gospel through the whole world,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

PENITENCE.

O Lord of the seed, Who hast sown the word of Thy gospel in the field of the world, we too have received it, yet we have hindered its growth, and checked Thy good purpose in our own souls and in those of others. Forgive us, O Lord, if we have allowed the great hope to be snatched from us, if we have not given it root and enduring nourishment in our hearts, or have let it be choked with the cares of life, the riches of this world and the lusts of the flesh. We beseech Thee, O Lord, make us like unto all those who in an honest and good heart having received the Word, keep it and bring forth fruit with patience. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our blindness in not seeing, our lack of charity in not acknowledging, the work of God wherever it is leavening human life,

O Lord, forgive.

Our carelessness and apathy towards the desires and needs of others,

O Lord, forgive.

Our lack of faith in Thy power to control humanity, to guide it to Thine ends, and our impatience with Thee because of the present imperfection of the world,

O Lord, forgive.

Our failure to use our own liberty and education and possessions so as to inspire in others the right use of their endowments,

O Lord, forgive.

Our failure to love and serve the men and women of good will who are engaged in other causes than our own,

O Lord, forgive.

Our half-hearted interest, our deafness to Thy call, our slothfulness and want of zeal in the missionary work of Thy Church at home and abroad,

O Lord, forgive.

INTERCESSION.

For the Coming of the Kingdom.

Enlarge Thy Kingdom, O God, and deliver the earth from the dominion and tyranny of evil, that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of Jesus Christ. Hasten the time which Thy Spirit hath foretold when all nations whom Thou hast made shall worship Thee and glorify Thy Name. Bless the good endeavours of those that work for Thy cause whether ignorantly or of set purpose. Prepare the hearts of men at home and abroad to find in Thy gospel their hope and in Thy strength their succour. Raise up men of prayer and insight to plan and pursue the forward movement of Thy Church. May all such as own Thee for their King become Thy

loyal subjects. Vouchsafe to reign in all hearts, and subdue our wills entirely to Thine and prepare us all by Thy good Spirit for the coming of Thy Kingdom on earth and its enjoyment in eternity. Amen.

For Thy Holy Church at this time of change and unrest, that thereby Thy Spirit may inspire and guide all the movements of our day,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For the work of Thy Church in all the movements for social reform, for the healing of the sick, the clothing of the naked, the feeding of the hungry, and the blessing of the poor,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For the influence of Thy Church in the Women's Movement, that the life which Thou dost give may be the aim of all who cry out against wrong,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For the attitude of Thy Church towards the labour movements throughout Europe and America; in sympathy for the oppressed and afflicted; in pleading for the fair treatment of all classes; in labouring for righteousness and peace,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For the service and responsibility of Thy Church in the new national movements in the East, that the Name which is above every name may be known and magnified in all the earth,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For the World's Student Christian Federation, and for the turning to Thee of the students of all lands,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For the leaders of all these movements in our own and in foreign lands, that Thou wouldest give them purity of motive, depth of understanding and faithfulness in working,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For all who are called to give in these movements brave and disinterested testimony against excesses, against haste, anger, violence, shortsightedness, and forgetfulness of Thee,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For all who are caught up in these movements, that Thou wouldest give them fidelity to their God-given ideals and power to see beyond this life,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For those who lead the thought and action of Thy Church, that Thou wouldest give them all necessary guidance and readiness to receive it,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For the Love of Men.

Blessed Lord, Who hast given us a new commandment that we should love one another as Thou hast loved us, make me kindly disposed towards all men, gentle and easy to be entreated, and grant that loving Thee with perfect love I may also love my brethren in Thee and for Thee, and may with them attain to glory. Amen.

For Honesty.

O God, Who hast taught us in Thy holy Word that we must always do to others as we would they should do to us: give me grace to cleanse my heart and hands from all falsehood and wrong, that I may hurt nobody by word or deed, but be true and just in all my dealings and do my duty in that state of life into which it shall

please Thee to call me, that so keeping innocency and taking heed to the thing that is right, I may obtain peace at the last, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

For the Accomplishment of the Will of God.

Lord, Thou knowest what is best for me to do, according to Thy will. Give me, I beseech Thee, what Thou wilt, as much as Thou wilt and when Thou wilt. Do with me in all things as Thou knowest is best to be done and as it shall please Thee and as may be most for Thy honour: place me where Thou wilt and freely do with me in all things after Thy will and pleasure. I am Thy creature and in Thy hands: lead me, O God, and turn me whithersoever Thou wilt. Lo, I am Thy servant, ready to do all things that Thou commandest me: for I desire not to live to myself but to Thee through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Wisdom and Discretion.

O God, Who hast promised to hear the prayers of Thy people, give me, I beseech Thee, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and knowledge: keep me from folly and rashness: when I am right do Thou confirm me, when I am wrong do Thou correct me, and so give me, O Thou wisdom of God, a right judgment in all things, that I be not barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of Thee who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, ever one God. Amen.

FRIDAY.

A Service of Communion with Christ upon the Cross.

THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST AND OF OUR FELLOWS.

PRAISE.

O Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who didst send Thy Son to suffer and die for us on this earth, a gracious gift to the ungrateful race of men, make us truly and sincerely thankful for this and for all Thine other benefits.

For Thy long-suffering with the sins and sorrows of men from the beginning even until now,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For the sufferings of Christ in the flesh and His intercession for mankind in glory,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For the redemption of the world through the shame of the Cross and the pain of the Passion,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For all who have filled up the sufferings of Christ in their own bodies for love to Him and their brothers in Him,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For martyrs and confessors, for all who have chosen poverty or solitude for Thy sake, for all men of prayer, and for all saints in common life,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For all suffering dared and endured for noble ends, and for all pain bravely borne and turned to patience of character and purity of life,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

PENITENCE.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who for our sake didst undergo want and shame and pain, we confess most humbly that we have refused to share the burdens of Thy cross, that we have denied Thee rather than face mockery, and have sought comfort and security. Forgive our sin, help us to amend, and give us courage to endure. Amen.

INTERCESSION.

From all misunderstanding of Thy purpose in pain,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From refusing the fellowship of the world's suffering:
By forgetting the pain and sorrow of others,
By seeking comfort and pleasure,
By avoiding burdens and turning from duty,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From the selfishness which brings needless sorrow to others,

Deliver us, good Lord.

For all who suffer the infirmities of childbirth, sickness, age, or dying,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For the blind and paralysed, for the dumb and deaf, the epileptic and afflicted, the deformed and defective,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For all who suffer distress through the imperfections of society, for all who live in constant peril of worldly disaster,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For the poor, the destitute, the overworked, the underfed, the unemployed; for those whose livelihood is insecure; for those who have been ruined, down-trodden, and made to despair,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For all widows and orphans, and those bereft of friends,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For all those who, in the bondage and darkness of heathendom are enduring pain and cruelty, and any other suffering, without the knowledge of the gospel of Thy great love,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For all whose sufferings have made them sullen and angry or resentful against God and man,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For all who suffer pain of mind, and for those who are in doubt and distress of soul,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For all who suffer through their own wrong-doing,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For a Right Use of Suffering.

O Lord of life and death, of suffering and happiness, Who hast ordained our weakness as a means to wean us from the world, and our pain and sorrow as warning and discipline, make us in all things so surely to trust Thy heavenly care and so certainly to do only what Thou willest, that we may pass through the time of this life without undue care and with good hope, and find at last our highest expectation come short of Thy goodness and our dearest desires far more than fulfilled in Thee, O Lord, the lover of our souls. Amen.

For Deliverance and Rest.

Set free, O Lord, the souls of Thy servants from all restlessness and anxiety; give us that peace and power which flow from Thee and keep us in all perplexities and distresses, in all griefs and grievances from any fear or faithlessness, that so, upheld by Thy strength and stayed on the rock of Thy faithfulness through storm and stress we may abide in Thee. Amen.

For Patience in Suffering When it Shall Come.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, I beseech Thy gracious goodness that as Thine only begotten and dearly beloved Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, according to Thy blessed will, suffered willingly death and bitter passion for our redemption and salvation, having thereof foresight and certain knowledge; so in like manner whensoever it shall be Thy pleasure to lay on me like cross and affliction that I may patiently bear it to the true trial of my faith against the latter day, and to Thy everlasting glory. Hear me, O heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

For the Poor.

Kind Father, look on all those that are snared and entangled in the extreme penury of things needful to the body and cannot set their minds upon Thee, O Lord, but when they be disappointed of the things which they so mightily need their hearts are cast down with excess of grief. Have pity upon them, therefore, O merciful Father, and relieve their misery with Thine incredible riches. Correct Thou the thing which our iniquity hath put out of order; let Thy goodness supply what our niggardliness has plucked away. Give Thou meat to the hungry, comfort Thou the sorrowful, cheer the dismayed, strengthen the weak, deliver them that are prisoners, and give hope and courage to them that are out of heart. Amen.

For Self-Denial.

Almighty God, whose beloved Son Jesus Christ for us men and for our salvation endured the cross, despising the shame, grant that always looking to Him I may have grace to crucify this sinful flesh with the affections and lusts thereof, and taking up my cross daily may follow after Him, until I attain to the place where He is now set down at the right hand of Thy throne on high, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and blessing. Blessing and honour and glory and power be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. Amen.

SATURDAY.

A Service of Recollection and Remembrance.

PERSONAL BENEFITS, DUTIES AND BLESSINGS.

PRAISE.

O Father in heaven, Who of Thy mercy hast brought us to the end of another week in safety, and givest us yet time to recall what we have forgotten to pray for, and to remember our latter end.

For all Thy gifts to ourselves and to all Thy children for which we have or have not prayed,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For health, recreation, and refreshment,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For power to work, and interest in our tasks,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For all duties and trusts committed to us,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For all progress in things for which we care,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For the companionship of fellow-workers,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For all who have helped in giving spiritual guidance or correction,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For the unity of those who live in the Spirit,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For the hope of our departure for the heavenly country,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

Lord, for the erring thought
Not into action wrought;
Lord, for the wicked will
Betrayed and baffled still;
For the heart from itself kept,
Our thankfulness accept.

PENITENCE.

O Lord, Who ever rememberest all Thy creatures, forgive us for our forgetfulness of them and of Thee. Make us more able and willing to keep in mind the true purpose of our life, to work and pray for our brethren in all parts of Thy world and to devote ourselves more and more in complete obedience to seek and to do Thy holy will in all our ways at all times. For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Against Failings.

O Thou compassionate Saviour of sinful men, look down from heaven and have mercy upon me. O save me, O hold me; for without Thee I can do nothing as I ought to do.

Miserable man that I am, my very prayers and praises and penitence are accompanied with so many failings that I am sometimes afraid that Thou canst not hear such prayer or accept such imperfection.

But, O blessed Saviour, my Lord and my God, it is Thy promise not to discourage the least measure of grace; Thou wilt not quench the smoking flax nor break the bruised reed.

Thou hast compassion upon the weakness of Thy servants; Thou art the Good Shepherd of the sheep, carrying the tender lambs in Thy bosom and gently leading those that are with young; Thou art the great High Priest touched with the feeling of our infirmities.

O gracious Lord, do Thou pity me and accept my weak and imperfect performance, and supply, by Thy boundless mercy, all the defects in my duty; let it be Thy pleasure that I should serve Thee better, O Lord. Increase, O Lord, Thine aid; so shall I increase my obedience.

O Thou Lover of souls, for the sake of Thine infinite compassion which moved Thee to die for me, hear me and help me, Amen, Lord Jesus, Amen.

Especially, O Lord, forgive us for our share in what is amiss,

For the broken unity of the Church,

O Lord, forgive us.

For divisions and rivalries among men of good will,

O Lord, forgive us.

For misunderstandings and suspicions and aversions,

O Lord, forgive us.

For neglect of duty and the good of others' souls and our own,

O Lord, forgive us.

For readiness in taking offence and carelessness in causing it,

O Lord, forgive us.

INTERCESSION.

We would pray Thee to grant us—

The power of appreciation for all good things and men,

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Increase of faith in Thee and trust in Thy children,

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Willingness to work for and with others,

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Readiness to keep silence before Thee and wait upon Thy word,

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Clear guidance as to whom to serve, and when, and what to do,

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Patience in times of doubt and steady growth in the knowledge of Thy truth,

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

And, O Lord, we beseech Thee to hear us for all people or purposes we have forgotten before Thee this week or should specially remember.

For those whom we have not seen for long or who are far distant, especially our missionary friends,

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

For all for whom we have promised to pray or who need our prayers,

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

For our own particular friends, especially . . . .

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

For boys and girls at school whom we may help or hinder,

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

For all among whom our daily lives are spent and whom we influence,

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

For all who dislike us or whom we dislike,

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

For all who are lonely, amid multitudes or in solitude,

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

For all our special duties and responsibilities, recognised or forgotten,

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

For peace at our last day,

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

For Perseverance.

O Almighty God, Who having begun in me a good work wilt perform it until the day of Jesus Christ, grant that my love may abound yet more and more in knowledge, and in all judgment, that I may approve things that are excellent, that I may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God. Amen.

Against Idle Talk.

Pardon, O Lord, I beseech Thee, my misuse of Thy most precious gift of speech; set a watch upon the door of my lips that I offend not with my tongue; that, being careful to confess my own faults of malice or derision, I may henceforward speak words of gentleness which may turn to my justification on the great day of judgment, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

The King of Love.

Into Thy hands, most blessed Jesus, I commend my soul and body, for Thou hast redeemed both with Thy most precious blood. O let me never sleep in sin, but give me a watchful and prudent spirit that I may omit

no opportunity of serving Thee; and when the work of life is done grant that I may rest in the bosom of my Lord. Grant this, O Lamb of God, for the honour of Thy loving mercy and for the glory of Thy name, O most merciful Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

Now unto Him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

Part II.

Litanies.

LITANIES.

A Litany of Intercession for Social Need.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Jesus, born in poverty,
Jesus, born to bring peace among men,
Jesus, workman at Nazareth,

Have mercy upon us.

Jesus, in whom the proud were scattered and the mighty put down,
Jesus, giving good things to the hungry,
Jesus, exalting them of low degree,

Have mercy upon us.

Jesus, in whom all the nations of the earth are one,
Jesus, in whom is neither bond nor free,
Jesus, brother of all,

Have mercy upon us.

Jesus, preaching good tidings to the poor,
Jesus, proclaiming release to the captives,
Jesus, setting at liberty them that are bruised,

Have mercy upon us.

Jesus, friend of the poor,
Jesus, feeder of the hungry,
Jesus, healer of the sick,

Have mercy upon us.

Jesus, denouncing the oppressor,
Jesus, instructing the simple,
Jesus, going about to do good,

Have mercy upon us.

Jesus, teacher of patience,
Jesus, pattern of gentleness,
Jesus, leading hearts from earthly to heavenly things,

Have mercy upon us.

Jesus, forgiving them that love much,
Jesus, drawing all men unto Thee,
Jesus, calling them that labour and are heavy laden,

Have mercy upon us.

Jesus, who camest not to be ministered unto, but to minister,
Jesus, who hadst not where to lay Thy head,
Jesus, loved by the common people,

Have mercy upon us.

Jesus, betrayed for the sake of money,
Jesus, taken by the chief priests,
Jesus, condemned by the rulers,

Have mercy upon us.

Jesus, crucified for us,

Have mercy upon us.

Jesus, who hast called us to the fellowship of Thy Kingdom,
Jesus, in whom is no respect of persons,
Jesus, who wilt know us by our fruits,

Have mercy upon us.

Jesus, who wilt say to us at the Last Day, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me,"

Have mercy upon us.

From the love of money,
From dishonesty in business,
From forgetfulness of our duty,
From anger and malice against opponents,
From contempt of others,
From offence against Thy little ones,
From oppression of the poor,
From the acceptance of worldly standards,
From all pride,
From all lust,
From all anger,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By Thy taking of our flesh,
By Thy humble birth,
By Thy hard life,
By Thy bitter death,
By Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension,

Good Lord, deliver us.

Finally, we beseech Thee, O Lord, mighty and pitiful, that Thou wilt guide, protect, and inspire all those who learn and labour truly to get their own living.

For men who face peril,

We beseech Thee, good Lord.

For women who suffer pain,

We beseech Thee, good Lord.

For those who till the earth,
For those who tend machinery,

We beseech Thee, good Lord.

For those who strive on the deep waters,
For those who venture in far countries,

We beseech Thee, good Lord.

For those who work in offices and warehouses,
For those who labour at furnaces and in factories,

We beseech Thee, good Lord.

For those who toil in mines,
For those who buy and sell,

We beseech Thee, good Lord.

For those who keep house,
For those who train children,

We beseech Thee, good Lord.

For all who live by strength of arm,
For all who live by cunning of hand,

We beseech Thee, good Lord.

For all who control, rule, or employ,

We beseech Thee, good Lord.

And for all labour of the heart and brain :
Of the leader's judgment,
Of the manager's skill,
Of the doctor's care,
Of the lawyer's discernment,
Of the civilian's discretion,
Of the scientist's knowledge,
Of the scholar's reason,
Of the writer's wit,
Of the artist's power,
Of the teacher's patience,
Of the pastor's zeal,
Of the prophet's fire,

We beseech Thee, good Lord.

And for all those who are poor, and broken, and oppressed :

For all whose labour is without hope,
For all whose labour is without honour,
For all whose labour is without interest,
For those who have too little leisure,
For those who are underpaid,
For women workers,
For those who work in dangerous trades,
For those who cannot find work,
For those who will not work,
For those who have no home,
For prisoners and outcasts,
For the victims of lust,
For all who are intemperate or luxurious,
For all who are sick or hungry,

We beseech Thee, good Lord.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Receive our prayer.

Our Father.

Let us pray :

O Father of light and God of all truth, purge the whole world from all errors, abuses, corruptions, and sins. Beat down the standard of Satan, and set up everywhere the standard of Christ. Abolish the reign of sin, and establish the kingdom of grace in all hearts. Let humility triumph over pride and ambition ; charity over hatred, envy, and malice ; purity and temperance over lust and excess ; meekness over passion ; and disinterest and poverty of spirit over covetousness and the love of this perishing world. Let the Gospel of Christ, in faith and practice, prevail throughout the world ; through Him who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God world without end. Amen.

A Litany of Intercession for the Church and the World.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God, have mercy upon all who do not worship Thee.

O God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, have mercy upon all who are feeling after Thee if haply they may find Thee.

O God the Son, Redeemer and Light of the world, have mercy upon all who are yet in the darkness and dominion of sin.

O God the Holy Spirit, the Source and Giver of life and power, have mercy upon us unprofitable servants.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor our failure to make known Thy gospel throughout the world; spare us, good Lord, spare Thy people whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood, and make us to know the time of our visitation,

Spare us, good Lord.

From blindness and coldness of heart, from pride of Church or of race, from vain glory in our possessions, or attainments, from unreality in prayer and in life, from self-will, and lack of zeal in Thy service,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all that deadens the call of Thy voice, from all that hinders obedience to Thy will, from all fearfulness in following after Thee, from all that is cowardly in counting the cost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From unbelief that limits Thy working, from doubt of Thy readiness to hear, from narrow conceptions of Thee, from weak realization of Thy presence and Thy power,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God; that it may please Thee to pour out upon us at this time the spirit of grace and of supplication, that we may be enabled effectually to pray after the pattern of Him Who in the days of His flesh offered up prayers and supplications, with strong crying and tears,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to rule and govern Thy holy Church universal in the right way,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to inspire Thy universal Church with resolve to fulfil its calling, and to make Thy way known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to guide the counsels of all who plan and control the missionary operations of Thy Church, that they fail not, nor be discouraged,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee at this time when hearts are stirred and understandings are opened, to pour out upon us the spirit of truth, unity, and concord, that Thy people in this the day of Thy power may fulfil all Thy holy will,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to awaken in all Christian hearts the spirit of service, and to guide the preparations of those whom Thou callest, that they may be meet for the Master's use,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to quicken our consciences concerning the stewardship of money, that we may be in true fellowship with Him who for our sakes became poor,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to illuminate all missionary workers, both at home and abroad, with true knowledge and understanding of Thy Word, that both by their preaching and living they may set forth the revelation of God in Christ,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to enlighten and to guide the rulers of this world, causing them to remove hindrances to the extension of Thy Kingdom, and to open closed doors throughout the world,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee so to direct the aspirations and the strivings of the nations that they may bring their honour and glory into the city of God,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to lighten the darkness of Africa, inclining the nations of Europe who dominate throughout her borders towards righteousness,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee so to garrison the African strongholds of Thy truth, and to go forth with the African evangelists, that the advance of Islam may be stayed, and the pagan races may find liberty in Thyself,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to pour forth through us Thy love for the Moslem world that those who in ignorance reject Thy Son may be drawn by His uplifting in their midst,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to send Thy light and Thy truth into the awakening East, that the students and leaders may be saved from materialism resulting from Western education, and may find their Divine Lord and Leader in the Son of Man,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to satisfy the desire of the seeking peoples of India,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to guide the destinies of Japan, and to avert from her the perils of this present time,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee, at this great crisis of development, to turn the learning of China towards true discipleship of Jesus Christ,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee in every land to sanctify those who are baptized into the name of Christ, and are partakers at His holy table, that they may hold fast their confession without wavering, and show the grace of the Spirit in life and service,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and are deceived,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to Thy holy Word,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For the Church's Approach to the Nations.

Almighty God, Lord of the nations, Who didst send the only begotten of the Father to become the Son of Man, that through His Cross and Passion the peoples might be redeemed to Thy glory, send forth Thy Church, we beseech Thee, in the spirit of the Incarnation to proclaim the message of the Cross. Enable us, in humility and lowliness, in poverty of spirit and simplicity of life, in love and hope and patience, to follow in the steps of our Master, taking forth the precious from the vile, loving ever as He loved. Remove from us undue pride of Church or of nation, all dominance and desire to rule, all faulty ideals, all imposition on others of merely Western forms; so purify us by Thy love shed abroad in our hearts, and Thy truth still proceeding from Thee, that we may reveal the Saviour of mankind to the men of the East as He revealed Thee to the world. For their sakes enable us to sanctify ourselves, that through our decrease in pre-eminence they may increase in knowledge of Thee. Hear and answer us as we present these petitions to Thee in the name of Him who emptied Himself and for our sakes became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Student's Litany of Character.

From infirmity of purpose, from want of earnest care and interest, from the sluggishness of indolence, and the slackness of indifference, and from all spiritual deadness of heart,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

From dullness of conscience, from feeble sense of duty, from thoughtless disregard of others, from a low ideal of the obligations of our position, and from all half-heartedness in our work,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

From weariness in continuing struggles, from despondency in disappointment, and from morbid brooding over failure, raise us to a lively hope and trust in Thy presence and mercy, in the power of faith and prayer, and from all exaggerated fears and vexations,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

From self-conceit and vanity and boasting, from delight in supposed success and superiority, and from all the harms and hindrances of offensive manners and self-assertion,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

From love of flattery, from over-ready belief in praise, from dislike of criticism and from all self-deception,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

From all jealousy, whether of equals or superiors, from grudging others success, from impatience of submission and all insubordination to law, order, and authority,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

From all hasty utterances of impatience, from the retort of irritation and the taunt of sarcasm, from all infirmity of temper in provoking or being provoked; from love of unkind gossip, and from all idle words that may do hurt,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

Give us knowledge of ourselves, our powers and weaknesses. Teach us by Thy Word, by the judgments of others, by examination of ourselves; give us earnest desire to strengthen ourselves continually by study, by diligence, by prayer and meditation, and from all delusions and prejudices, individual or corporate,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

Chiefly, O Lord, we pray Thee give us knowledge of Thee, to see Thee in all Thy works, always to feel Thy presence near and to hear Thy call. Uplift our hearts to new love, energy, and devotion, that we may be unburdened from the grief and shame of past faithlessness and go forth in Thy strength to persevere through success and failure, through good report and evil report, even to the end; and in all time of our tribulation, in all time of our rejoicing,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

A Litany of Intercession for Women.

Let us pray—

For all women workers.

For those to whom have been entrusted the care of little children, whether as mothers, guardians, nurses, or teachers.

For those who rule and all who serve in our homes.

For those who work in factories, workrooms, shops, and offices. For all engaged in casual labour.

For those who minister to the sick and comfort the desolate.

For those who give themselves to guard others in danger and temptation and to recover lives that have gone astray.

For women students, hospital nurses in training, missionary candidates, and all who are preparing for special careers.

For all women in Communities, in Settlements, in Training Homes and Colleges, both at home and abroad, that they may set forth a right standard before those they influence, and thus help to build up the social fabric.

For women called to special positions of trust, responsibility and difficulty; in education and reform; in business and professions; in art and literature; in State and Church; whether in Western lands, in the Colonies, or among the awakening womanhood of the East.

For all whose contribution to the Kingdom of God is given chiefly through committees and as secretaries, that the elaboration of service may not dim the Vision of Christ.

For Oppressed and Unhappy Women.

Let us pray—

For those who are under-paid, under-fed, and over-worked, and for all sweated workers.

For the tempted in villages and in great cities.

For those in imminent danger of body and soul.

For those who have lost desire after goodness.

For all who despair of justice, purity, and love.

For all unwanted children.

For all unmarried mothers.

For the luxurious, the restless, the unsatisfied.

For all who through love of pleasure or of ease refuse motherhood or fail in the care of children.

Let us confess our share—

In the corporate sinfulness and sorrow of women, in the tolerance of double standards, and in acquiescence in social evils: through apathy, cowardice, and selfishness; through pride, lovelessness, and harsh judgments, through thoughtless spending and luxury, and through indifference to those on whom we economically depend.

For Courage to Rise to the Call of God.

Let us pray—

For all societies and movements for the uplifting of womanhood.

For the Woman's Movement in all lands, that it may stand for whatsoever things are true, reverent, just, pure, lovely, and gracious; for singleness of purpose, for the righting of wrong, the defence of the weak; and for the love that never faileth.

Let us give thanks—

For all sacrificial service, for those who by faith have fought evils, faced perils, endured ignominy, and for all womanhood redeemed and purified.

For all tokens of the working of the Spirit, for all awakening of conscience, for all deliverances achieved; for all whose purpose is to seek a deeper understanding and a purer enthusiasm on behalf of the oppressed, the weak, and the defiled.

A Litany of Longing for Obedience and Holiness.

O Lord, how long
Shall we say we are all brethren,
That we love our Father in heaven,
And our life give it the lie?

O Lord, how long
Shall we speak of love,
Of our hearts going out to mankind,
And our love be asleep?

O Lord, how long
Shall we talk of prayer,
And rejoice in the beauty of worship,
And our prayer be a dream?

O Lord, how long
Shall we bow down to Christ,
Call Him Lord, preach His Word,
And He know us not?

O Lord, how long
Is the light of truth flashing,
The Son of Man coming,
To be rejected, too, of this generation?
O Lord, how long?

Part III.

A Collection of Prayers on Various Subjects.

A COLLECTION OF PRAYERS ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS.

Prayers of Approach to God.

Let God be glorified and let Him be exalted this day and for ever.

Glory be . . . . .

Lord, I believe in Thee, help Thou mine unbelief; I love Thee, yet not with a perfect heart as I would; I long for Thee, yet not with my full strength; I trust in Thee, yet not with my whole mind. Accept my faith, my love, my longing to know and serve Thee, my trust in Thy power to keep me. What is cold do Thou kindle, what is lacking do Thou make up. I wait Thy blessing. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Thou Who hearest them that call upon Thee faithfully, let us not content ourselves with lip worship, but only with that sincere, sensible, and affectionate outpouring of the soul to Thee, wherein Thou art well-pleased. Engage our affections to Thee in such a sort that the soul will spend itself to nothing, rather than go without that good desired, even communion and solace with Christ. Inflame us to spend our strength even as the saints that lost their lives rather than go without a blessing. Amen.

O God, forasmuch as without Thee we are not able to please Thee; Mercifully grant, that Thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, unto Whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, Who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

O Almighty God, from Whom every good prayer cometh, and Who pourest out on all who desire it the Spirit of grace and supplications; deliver us, when we draw nigh to Thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind; that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen,

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, Who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; we beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us; for the worthiness of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit, soul and body, for Thou hast created and redeemed them. O Lord God Almighty, guide me and all whom I love this day. . . . . Grant that we may never lose sight of Thee, but that, continuing in the light of Thy presence,

we may walk according to Thy holy will and pleasure; so enable us to guard our hearts and govern our senses that we may go from strength to strength, serving and praising Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Morning Prayers.

The day returns and brings us the petty round of irritating concerns and duties. Help us to play the man, help us to perform them with laughter and kind faces; let cheerfulness abound with industry. Give us to go blithely on our business all this day; bring us to our resting beds weary and content and undishonoured, and grant us in the end the gift of sleep. Amen.

O Lord, we beseech Thee, listen now to the prayer of Thy servants, who desire to fear Thy Name. Prosper us, we pray Thee, this day in our work. Help us ever to remember that Thou art a God at hand, that no secret place is hidden from Thee, but that all our thoughts, and words, and actions, are seen and known by Thee. Make us truthful in all our words, holy in all our thoughts, and honest in every act. Make Thy presence a happiness to us. Let us often think of Thee as our Father, and Friend, and our Helper in every hour of need. Bless all who are dear to us, and teach them the paths of goodness and truth; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Let our prayer, O Lord, come before Thee in the morning. Thou didst take upon Thee our feeble and suffering nature; grant us to pass this day in gladness and peace, without stumbling and without stain, that, reaching the eventide without any yielding to temptation, we may praise Thee, the eternal King; through Thy mercy, O our God, Who art blessed, and dost live and govern all things, world without end. Amen.

O Lord, our God, Who hast bidden the light to shine out of darkness, Who hast again wakened us to praise Thy goodness and ask for Thy grace; accept now, in Thy endless mercy, the sacrifice of our worship and thanksgiving, and grant unto us all such requests as may be wholesome for us. Make us to be children of the light and of the day, and heirs of Thy everlasting inheritance. Remember, O Lord, according to the multitude of Thy mercies, Thy whole Church; all who join with us in prayer, all our brethren by land or sea, or wherever they may be in Thy vast kingdom who stand in need of Thy grace and succour. Pour out upon them the riches of Thy mercy, so that we, redeemed in soul and body, and steadfast in faith, may ever praise Thy wonderful and holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, our heavenly Father, we Thy children come now to Thy feet with our supplications. We cannot live without Thy blessing. Life is too hard for us, duty is too large. We get discouraged, and our feeble hands hang down. We come to Thee with our weakness, asking Thee for strength. Help us always to be of good cheer. Let us not be disheartened by difficulties. Let us never doubt Thy love or any of Thy promises. Give us grace to be encouragers of others, never discouragers. Let us not go about with sadness or fear among men, but may we be a benediction to every one we meet, always making life easier, never harder, for those who come within our influence. Help us to be as Christ to others, that they may see something of His love in our lives, and learn to love Him in us. We beseech Thee to hear us, to receive our prayer, and to forgive our sins; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Evening Prayers.

O Lord, our God, refresh us with quiet sleep, when we are wearied with the day's labour; that being assisted with the help which our weakness needs, we may be devoted to Thee both in body and mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

O God, from Whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Before we go to rest, we would commit ourselves to God's care through Christ, beseeching Him to forgive us for all our sins of this day past, and to keep alive His grace in our hearts, and to cleanse us from all sin, pride, harshness, and selfishness, and give us the spirit of meekness, humility, firmness, and love. O Lord, keep Thyself present to us ever, and perfect Thy strength in our weakness. Take us and ours under Thy blessed care this night and evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with us this night and evermore. Amen.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord, Who hath made heaven and earth.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest : for it is Thou, Lord, only that makest me dwell in safety.

In Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust : let me never be put to confusion, deliver me in Thy righteousness.

Bow down Thine ear to me : make haste to deliver me.

And be Thou my strong Rock, and house of Defence : that Thou mayest save me.

For Thou art my strong Rock, and my Castle ; be Thou also my Guide, and lead me for Thy Name's sake.

Draw me out of the net, that they have laid privily for me ; for Thou art my strength.

Into Thy hands I commend my spirit ; for Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, Thou God of truth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my Hope and my Strong Hold : my God in Him will I trust.

Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by Thy Name : leave us not, O Lord our God.

Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of Thine eye, hide me under the Shadow of Thy Wings.

Save us, O Lord, while waking, and defend us while sleeping ; that, when we are awake we may watch with Christ, and when we sleep we may rest in peace.

Let us pray,

Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ, have mercy upon us,
Lord, have mercy upon us,
Our Father.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night from sin ;
O Lord, have mercy upon us ; have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us ; as our trust is in Thee.
Teach us to do the thing that pleaseth Thee, for Thou art our God ;
Let Thy loving Spirit lead us into the way of righteousness.
O Lord, hear our prayer, and let our cry come unto Thee.

The Lord bless us and keep us, the Lord make His Face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us.
The Lord lift up the Light of His Countenance upon us, and give us peace this night and for evermore. Amen.

Praise and Thanksgiving.

O God, I thank Thee for my life. I thank Thee for my body, for the strength of my limbs, and for my mind. I thank Thee for my soul, for the perception that feels Thee near to me, and knows that my body is even now the temple of Thy Holy Spirit.

I thank Thee for my surroundings, for the fresh air, and the sweet earth, and the love of friends. I thank Thee also for my pains and difficulties, both of body and soul, because they are the means whereby I shall attain to a clearer light and truer understanding. And, above all, I thank Thee for the life and death of Thy holy Son, through which by Thy power we are brought to peace.

Amen.

Our Father, unto Thee, in the light of our Saviour's blessed Life, we would lift our souls. We thank Thee for that true Light shining in our world with still increasing brightness. We thank Thee for all who have

walked therein, and especially for those near to us and dear, in whose lives we have seen this excellent glory and beauty. May we know that in the body and out of the body they are with Thee, and that when these earthly days come to an end, it is not that our service of Thee and of one another may cease, but that it may begin anew. Make us glad in all who have faithfully lived; make us glad in all who have peacefully died. Lift us into light and love and purity and blessedness, and give us at last our portion with those who have trusted in Thee and sought, in small things as in great, in things temporal and things eternal, to do Thy holy Will. Amen.

Glory to our ascended Lord, that He is with us always.

Glory to the Word of God, going forth with His armies, conquering and to conquer.

Glory to Him Who has led captivity captive, and given gifts for the perfecting of His saints.

Glory to Him Who has gone before to prepare a place in His Father's Home for us.

Glory to the Author and Finisher of our Faith; that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ;

To Whom be all worship and praise, dominion and glory,

Now, and for ever and ever. Amen.

We gratefully acknowledge unto Thee, that Thou art the Eternal One, and the God of our fathers, our God for evermore; the Rock of our life, and the Shield of our salvation; Thou art He Who existeth to all ages. We will therefore render thanks unto Thee, and declare Thy praise, for our lives which are delivered into Thine hand, and for our souls, which are confided to Thy care; for Thy goodness which is displayed to us daily; for Thy wonders, and Thy bounty which are at all times given unto us. Thou art the most gracious, for Thy

mercies never fail; and Thou art the most compassionate, for Thy kindnesses never cease. Evermore do we hope in Thee, O Lord our God. Amen.

Great art Thou, O Lord, and greatly to be praised; great is Thy power, and Thy wisdom is infinite. Thee would we praise without ceasing. Thou callest us to delight in Thy praise, for Thou hast made us for Thyself, and our hearts find no rest until we rest in Thee; to Whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost all glory, praise, and honour be ascribed, both now and for evermore.

Amen.

Glory be to God in the highest, the Creator, and Lord of heaven and earth, the Preserver of all things, the Father of mercies, Who so loved mankind as to send His only begotten Son into the world, to redeem us from sin and misery, and to obtain for us everlasting life. Accept, O gracious God, our praise and our thanksgivings for Thine infinite mercies towards us. And teach us, O Lord, to love Thee more and serve Thee better; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Self-Examination, Confession and Penitence.

Have I striven to love God with all my heart, with all my soul, and with all my might? Have I shown my love by worshipping, serving, and obeying Him in public and in private? Have I loved my neighbour as myself, and done to others as I would they should do to me? Have I borne in mind that I am a temple of the Holy Ghost, and kept myself in thought, word, and deed from everything that would defile the dwelling-place of God?

I will arise and go to my Father, and will say unto Him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before Thee, and am no more worthy to be called Thy son. —*St. Luke xv.* 18, 19.

O God the Holy Ghost, Source of all light, scatter the mists which hide from me the deformity and malignity

of sin; enlighten me, I beseech Thee, and give me a humble, contrite heart, that I may see wherein I have offended, and judge myself now with such severity that in the last day I may be judged with mercy and clemency. Amen.

O Lord, the God of compassion and mercy, I confess and bewail before Thee all the sins of thought, word, or deed by which I have provoked Thee to anger, especially . . . . Against Thee, O Lord, have I sinned, and to Thee do I make my confession. Turn not away Thy face from Thy servant, whom Thou hast redeemed with the precious blood of Thy dear Son. Spare me, O merciful Father, I beseech Thee; and grant me Thy grace; that henceforth I may live in Thy fear and to Thy glory. through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, Who purifiest the hearts of those who confess their sins unto Thee, and absolvest the self-accusing conscience from all bonds of iniquity; give pardon to the guilty, and vouchsafe healing to the wounded, that they may receive remission of all sins, and persevere henceforward in sincere devotion, and sustain no loss of everlasting redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We confess to Thee, O Father, and before the whole congregation of heaven and earth, that we are that which we ought not to be through our fault, our own fault, our own most grievous fault. We pray Thee therefore to have mercy upon us in the name of Jesus Christ. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, grant us pardon, absolution, and remission of all our sins and the grace and comfort and strengthening of His Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, the Father of mercies, we, Thine unworthy children, who have erred and strayed from Thy ways, return unto Thee with contrite hearts, beseeching Thee

to forgive and to deliver us from evil. Remembering our weakness, we ask Thee to help us to lay aside all evil thoughts, words, and works. May the power of evil be broken in us, and may the power of good be strengthened; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Take from me, I beseech Thee, O Lord, all my iniquity and the spirit of pride which Thou resistest: fill my spirit with the praise of Thee, and give me a broken and contrite heart which Thou wilt not despise, that by Thy grace I may be enabled to enter with a pure mind into the Holy of Holies, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord our God, great, eternal, wonderful in glory, Who keepest covenant and promise for those that love Thee with their whole heart, Who art the life of all, the help of those that flee unto Thee, the hope of those who cry unto Thee. Cleanse us from our sins, and from every thought displeasing to Thy goodness; cleanse our souls and bodies, our hearts and consciences, that with a pure heart and a clear mind, with perfect love and calm hope, we may venture confidently and fearlessly to pray unto Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Forgive me my sins, O Lord—forgive me the sins of my present and the sins of my past, the sins of my soul, and the sins of my body, my secret and my whispering sins: my presumptuous and my crying sins; the sins which I have done to please myself, and the sins which I have done to please others. Forgive me my wanton and idle sins, forgive me my serious and deliberate sins, forgive me those sins which I know and those sins which I know not,

the sins which I have laboured so to hide from others that I have hid them from my own memory. Forgive me them, O Lord, forgive them all. Of Thy great mercy let me be absolved, and of Thy bountiful goodness let me be delivered from the bands of all that by my frailty I have committed. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Dedication and Consecration.

O Almighty God, without Whom we can do nothing, I firmly resolve before Thee to follow more closely the rule of Thy will; to amend my ways; to attend more diligently to the duties of my calling; to avoid all sin, and its occasions. Do Thou, Who givest me the will, give me also the power to accomplish it. Grant what Thou commandest, and command what Thou wilt; so that I may live righteously in this present world, and in the world to come may praise Thee eternally. Amen.

O Thou in Whom we live and move and have our being, we offer and present unto Thee our souls and our bodies, our thoughts and our desires, our words and our deeds, to be a living and continual sacrifice. We are not our own, therefore would we glorify Thee in our bodies and in our spirits, which are Thine; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eternal God, who committest to us the swift and solemn trust of life; since we know not what a day may bring forth, but only that the hour for serving Thee is always present, may we wake to the instant claims of Thy Holy Will; not waiting for to-morrow, but yielding to-day. Lay to rest, by the persuasion of Thy Spirit, the resistance of our passion, indolence, or fear. Consecrate with Thy presence the way our feet may go; and

the humblest work will shine, and the roughest places be made plain. Lift us above unrighteous anger and mistrust into faith and hope and charity by a simple and steadfast reliance on Thy sure will. In all things draw us to the mind of Christ, that Thy lost image may be traced again, and Thou mayest own us as at one with Him and Thee. Amen.

For Deliverance in Times of Doubt and Temptation.

O Lord, our Light and our Salvation, banish the night of gloom and ignorance, and grant to those in doubt the illumination of truth and of knowledge; that their hope may be firmly set in Thee, and the assaults of malicious foes may be brought to naught. Establish their confidence upon a rock of stone, that, surely grounded in the faith of Christ, they may be built up in love to their highest perfection. Amen.

O Lord, our Support and our Refuge, deliver us from temptation, give us the defence of Thy salvation, hold us up with Thy right hand, teach us by Thy discipline, and make our way and our life undefiled. Amen.

O Lord, succour, we beseech Thee, us who are tempted. May nothing induce us to distrust Thy care over us, nor to use Thy gifts to the denial of Thee, their Giver. May we never presume upon Thy protection when we are forsaking Thy paths, and tempting Thee. May we never, for the sake of any supposed gain or advancement, quench the testimony of Thy Spirit, or prove disloyal to Thy service. Do Thou so support us in all temptations that, when we have been tried, we may receive the crown of life, which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee. Amen.

O Father of glory and God of our Lord Jesus Christ, grant unto those who are tempted and despairing a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Thyself. Enlighten the eyes of their understanding, that they may know the hope of Thy calling, the rich glory of Thy inheritance in the saints, and the exceeding greatness of Thy power toward all them that believe in the same our risen and triumphant Lord and Head, Thy Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

O God, Who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright, grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Heavenly Father, subdue in us whatever is contrary to Thy Holy Will. Grant that we may ever study to know Thy will, that we may know how to please Thee. Grant, O God, that we may never run into those temptations which in our prayers we desire to avoid. Lord, never permit our trials to be above our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, visit us, we pray Thee, with Thy love and favour; enlighten our minds more and more with the everlasting Gospel; graft in our hearts the love of Thy truth; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same, O blessed Spirit, Whom with the Father and the Son together we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. Amen.

God, Who didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people by the sending to them the light of Thy

Holy Spirit, grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

For Illumination and Spiritual Advancement.

O Almighty God, Who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; grant unto Thy people, that they may love the things which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, the strength of all them that put their trust in Thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without Thee, grant us the help of Thy grace, that in keeping of Thy commandments we may please Thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, the Sovereign Good of the soul, Who requirest the hearts of all Thy children; deliver us from all sloth in Thy work, all coldness in Thy cause; and grant us by looking unto Thee to rekindle our love, and by waiting upon Thee to renew our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, grant all who contend for the faith, never to injure it by clamour and impatience; but, speaking Thy precious truth in love, so to present it that it may be loved, and that men may see in it Thy goodness and beauty. Amen.

Grant unto us, Almighty God, that we, communing with one another, and with Thee, may feel our hearts burn within us, until all pure, and just, and holy, and noble things of God and man may be to us lovely, and we may find nothing to fear but that which is hateful in Thine eyes, and nothing worth seeking but that which is lovely and fair therein. Let the divine brightness and peace possess our souls, so that, fearing neither life nor death, we may look to Thy lovingkindness and tender mercy to lift us above that which is low and mean within us, and at last to give the spirit within us the victory, and bring us safe through death into the life everlasting. Hear us of Thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eternal God, Who committest to us the swift and solemn trust of life; since we know not what a day may bring forth, but only that the hour for serving Thee is always present, may we wake to the instant claims of Thy Holy Will, not waiting for to-morrow, but yielding to-day. Consecrate with Thy presence the way our feet may go, and the humblest work will shine, and the roughest place be made plain. Lift us above unrighteous anger and mistrust, into faith, and hope and charity by a simple and steadfast reliance on Thy sure will. In all things draw us to the mind of Christ, that Thy lost image may be traced again, and Thou mayest own us at one with Him and Thee, to the glory of Thy great Name. Amen.

Lord Jesus, by the indwelling of Thy most Holy Spirit, purge our eyes to discern and contemplate Thee until we attain to see as Thou seest, judge as Thou judgest, choose as Thou choosest, and having sought and found Thee, to behold Thee for ever and ever. We ask this for Thy Name's sake. Amen.

Look upon us, O Lord, and let all the darkness of our souls vanish before the beams of Thy brightness. Fill us with holy love, and open to us the treasures of Thy wisdom. All our desire is known unto Thee, therefore perfect what Thou hast begun, and what Thy Spirit has awakened us to ask in prayer. We seek Thy face; turn Thy face unto us and show us Thy glory, then shall our longing be satisfied, and our peace shall be perfect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Guidance.

Thou knowest, O heavenly Father, the duties that lie before me this day, the dangers that may confront me, the sins that most beset me. Guide me, strengthen me, protect me.

Give me Thy life in such abundance that I may this day hold my soul in Thy pure light. Give me Thy power, that I may become a power for righteousness among my fellows. Give me Thy love, that all lesser things may have no attraction for me; that selfishness, impurity, and falseness may drop away as dead desires, holding no meaning for me. Let me find Thy power, Thy love, Thy life, in all mankind, and in the secret places of my own soul. Amen.

O good Father, Thou knowest how busy I must be to-day—if I forget Thee do not Thou forget me, O merciful Guardian. Amen.

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech Thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do anything that is good without Thee, may by Thee be enabled to live according to Thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, by Whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly; grant

us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what Thou wouldst have us to do; that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in Thy light we may see light, and in Thy straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be Thou, O Lord, our protection, Who art our redemption; direct our minds by Thy gracious Presence, and watch over our paths with guiding love; that among the snares which lie hidden in the path wherein we walk, we may so pass onwards with hearts fixed on Thee, that by the track of faith we may come to be where Thou wouldest have us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, the Giver of all good things, without whose help all labour is ineffectual, and without whose grace all wisdom is folly. Grant, we beseech Thee, that in the undertaking of this [Conference], Thy Holy Spirit may not be withheld from us; but that we may promote Thy Glory and the coming of Thy Kingdom. Grant this, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

Guide, O Lord, we beseech Thee, all who have to decide upon their future course of life; and give them grace so to follow the indications of Thy providence, that they may live not only to the salvation of their own souls, but to the advancement of Thy glory, according to the measure of Thy most merciful appointment, and receive Thy blessing in time and in eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Faithfulness.

O Lord, our Saviour, Who hast warned us that Thou wilt require much of those to whom much is given; grant that we whose lot is cast in so goodly a heritage

may strive together the more abundantly by prayer, by service, and by every other appointed means, to extend to others what we so richly enjoy; and as we have entered into the labours of other men, so to labour that in their turn other men may enter into ours, to the fulfilment of Thy holy will, and our own everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Almighty God and Heavenly Father, Who by Thy Divine Providence hast appointed for each one of us our work in life, and hast commanded that we should not be slothful in business, but fervent in spirit, serving Thee, help us always to remember that our work is Thy appointment, and to do it heartily as unto Thee. Preserve us from slothfulness, and make us to live with loins girded and lamps burning, that whensoever our Lord may come, we may be found striving earnestly to finish the work that Thou hast given us to do; through the same Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

O God, Who hast commanded us to be perfect, as Thou our Father in heaven art perfect; put into our hearts, we pray Thee, a continual desire to obey Thy holy will. Teach us day by day, what Thou wouldest have us do, and give us grace and power to fulfil the same. May we never from love of ease, decline the path which Thou pointest out, nor, for fear of shame, turn away from it: for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, Who hast appointed to each one of us our work to do in life, and hast commanded us all to watch; mercifully grant that we may by Thy grace so faithfully serve Thee this day, that if Thou shouldest call us to Thyself during the course of it, we may be found watching for the coming of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord of all power and might, Who art the Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of

Thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Love.

Almighty and most merciful Father, Who hast given us a new commandment that we should love one another; give us also grace that we may fulfil it. Make us gentle, courteous, and forbearing. Direct our lives, so that we may look each to the good of the other in word and deed. And hallow all our friendships by the blessing of Thy Spirit; for His sake Who loved us, and gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty and Eternal God, Who hast revealed Thy Nature in Christ Jesus Thy Son as Love, we humbly pray Thee give us Thy Holy Spirit to glorify Thee also in our hearts as pure Love, and thus constrain us by Thy Divine power to love Thee with our whole souls, and our brethren as ourselves; that so by Thy grace we may be filled with love, and evermore abide in Thee, and Thou in us, with all joyfulness, and free from fear or distrust; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our ways; and the Lord make us to increase and abound in love one towards another, and toward all men, to the end that He may establish our hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints. Amen.

O God, Who hast commanded all men to love Thee, and hast drawn them to Thyself by Thy mercy and goodness; fill our hearts with the love of Thee. We are weak and sinful, and cannot love Thee enough without Thy help. All our desire is to give Thee the service of

loving hearts all the days of our life, and to love Thee throughout the ages of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, the God of all goodness and of all grace, Who art worthy of a greater love than we can either give or understand; fill our hearts, we beseech Thee, with such love toward Thee, that nothing may seem too hard for us to do or to suffer in obedience to Thy will; and grant that thus loving Thee, we may become daily more like unto Thee, and finally obtain the crown of life which Thou hast promised to those that love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Social Need and Awakening.

O Lord God of hosts, Who maketh the frail children of men to be Thy glad soldiers in the conquest of sin and misery, breathe Thy Spirit, we pray Thee, into the students of this country and of all lands, that they may come together in faith and fellowship, and stand up an exceeding great army for the deliverance of the oppressed and for the triumph of Thy Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, Who with Thy liberal and bountiful hands providest enough for all mankind, Whose gifts are by goodness and free favour made common to all men, while we by our covetousness and distrust have made them private and peculiar, correct Thou the thing which our iniquity hath put out of order, and let Thy goodness supply that which our niggardliness hath plucked away. O Father of all mercy, have compassion on so great misery. O Fountain of all good things and of all blessedness, wash Thou away these so sundry, so manifold, and so great miseries, with one drop of the water of Thy mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thine only Son our Lord. Amen.

We bring before Thee the groans of the prisoner, the distress of the widow and the orphan, the needs of the weak and the helpless, the hunger and thirst of the starving, the weariness of the sick and the aged, the temptations of the young, and the miseries of all. Let Thy Kingdom come—the rule of grace and love, of righteousness and peace—Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest One God, world without end. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Whose Son Jesus Christ came to cast fire upon the earth; Grant that by the prayers of Thy faithful people, a fire of burning zeal may be kindled and pass from heart to heart, till all our hardness is melted in the warmth of Thy love; through Him Who loved us and gave Himself for us, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessed Lord, Who for our sakes wast content to bear sorrow and want and death; Grant unto us such a measure of Thy Spirit that we may follow Thee in all self-denial and tenderness of soul. Help us by Thy great love, to succour the afflicted, to relieve the needy and destitute, to share the burdens of the heavy-laden, and ever to see Thee in all that are poor and desolate. Amen.

Merciful Father, to Whom all sons of men are dear, we pray for all that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, that the Dayspring from on high may visit them; for the poor and oppressed, for those that dwell amid ugliness and squalor, far from loveliness and purity, and for whom the fire-gemmed heavens shine in vain; for those who toil beyond their strength and beyond Thine ordinance, without pleasure in the work of their hands, and without help of rest; for those who sink back to the beast, and seek to drown all thought and feeling, and for all who are trampled under foot by men. Raise up deliverance for the peoples.

For those who in their plenty live delicately, contemn the poor, and forget God; for all people whose hearts are so perished within them that pity has departed. Shew them Thy ways. Amen.

For Unity and Peace.

O God, Who of Thy great love to this world, didst reconcile earth to heaven through Thine only begotten Son; Grant that we who, by the darkness of our sins, are turned aside from brotherly love, may by Thy light shed forth in our souls be filled with Thine own sweetness, and embrace our friends in Thee, and our enemies for Thy sake, in a bond of mutual affection. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, look with pity, we beseech Thee, upon Thy Church weakened and hindered by differences and divisions; bless the effort to bring together in conference all who confess the faith of Thy Holy Name; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

O God, Who art the Father of all, and Who alone makest men to be of one mind in a house, we beseech Thee, at this time of strife and unrest, to grant to us, by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, a fuller realization of our brotherhood, man with man in Thee; allay all anger and bitterness, and deepen in us a sense of truth and equity in our dealings one with another; for the sake of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace: give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that as there is but one Body, and one Spirit, and one Hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one

Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart, and of one soul, united in one holy bond of Truth and Peace, of Faith and Charity, and may, with one mind and one mouth, glorify Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, in Whom is calmness, peace and concord, heal Thou the divisions which separate Thy children one from another, and enable them to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. While there are diversities of knowledge and of faith, and we cannot all be of the same mind, may we be made one in brotherly love and in devotion to Thy holy will. Deliver us from all blindness and prejudice, from all clamour and evil speaking, that by the charity of our temper and thought and life we may shew forth the power and beauty of the faith we possess, to the glory of Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God of peace, Who through Thy Son Jesus Christ didst set forth one faith for the salvation of mankind, send Thy grace and heavenly blessing upon all Christian people who are striving to draw nearer to Thee and to each other, in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace. Give us penitence for our divisions, wisdom to know Thy truth, courage to do Thy will, love which shall break down the barriers of pride and prejudice, and an unswerving loyalty to Thy holy Name. Suffer us not to shrink from any endeavour, which is in accordance with Thy will, for the peace and unity of Thy Church. Give us boldness to seek only Thy glory and the advancement of Thy Kingdom. Unite us all in Thee as Thou, O Father, with Thy Son and the Holy Spirit, art one God, world without end. Amen.

For the Church and Ministry.

Gracious Father, we humbly beseech Thee for Thy Holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth; in all

truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purge it; and where it is in error, direct it; where it is superstitious, rectify it; where anything is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; where it is in want, furnish it; where it is divided and rent asunder, make up the breaches of it, O Thou holy One of Israel, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

O Lord, we beseech Thee to raise up for the work of the ministry faithful and able men, counting it all joy to spend and be spent for the sake of Thy dear Son, and for the souls for which He shed His most precious blood upon the cross, and we pray Thee to fit them for their holy functions by Thy bountiful grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

O Almighty God, be pleased to remember with Thy mercy and love all those who minister before Thee in holy things. Prosper the great work in which they are engaged, enable them faithfully to preach Thy Word, and rightly and duly administer Thy Holy Sacraments. May they uphold Christ, both by their words and in their lives. Raise up, we pray Thee, faithful and true men for the work of Thy Church. O Thou Lord of the harvest, prepare Thine own labourers and send them forth into Thy harvest. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

O Blessed Jesus, Lord of the harvest, we pray Thee send forth labourers into Thy harvest, and by Thy Holy Spirit stir the hearts of many that they may be ready to spend and be spent in Thy service; and if it please Thee, so to lose their life in this world, that they may gather fruit unto life eternal. O Lord, Thou Lover of souls, hear us, we humbly beseech Thee. Amen.

O Thou true Light, that lightest every man that cometh into the world, do Thou in Thy mercy touch the hearts and lighten the understanding of all who are preparing for Thy ministry, that they may readily acknowledge and cheerfully obey all that Thou wouldst have them believe and practise, to the benefit of Thy people and their own salvation; Who livest and reignest God for ever and ever. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, Who hast revealed Thy glory by Christ among all nations, preserve the works of Thy mercy; that Thy Church which is spread throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on Thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; and by the tranquil operation of Thy perpetual providence, carry out the work of man's salvation; and let the whole world feel and see that things which were cast down are being raised up, that those which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are returning to perfection through Him from Whom they took their origin; even through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Keep, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy Church with Thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without Thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by Thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, we beseech Thee, let Thy continual pity cleanse and defend Thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without Thy succour, preserve it evermore by Thy help and goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For our Nation and for all Mankind.

O Lord Jesus, Who didst choose to be poor rather than rich, have mercy on all who are in need and want. Comfort them in all sorrows, supply their needs, raise up friends for them, and give them grace to learn of Thee, and always to put their trust in Thy help. Have mercy, O Blessed Saviour, on all who are living in sin, all who pray not for themselves, and who care not for their own souls. Turn them to Thyself, and teach them to look to the things which belong to their peace before they are hidden from their eyes; for Thy sake, Who died to save us all. Amen.

Bless, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, our Country and all its colonies and dependencies. Give Thine abundant grace to our King, and to all who bear office throughout the realm, that in all things we may be governed righteously and in Thy fear, and grant to us, not only such outward prosperity as is according to Thy will, but, above all things, such virtue and true religion that Thy Holy Name may be ever glorified in the midst of us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, raise up, we pray Thee, Thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, Thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of Thy Son our Lord, to Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

O God, in Whose hand are the hearts of kings, incline Thy merciful ears to our humble entreaty; and govern with Thy wisdom our King, Thy servant; that his counsels may be drawn from Thy fountain, and he may be well-pleasing in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Students and the Student Christian Movement.

Preserve our universities, O Lord, as the bulwarks of Thy Church, and root out from them whatever is contrary to faith and morals; but chiefly revive in them such a spirit of devotion, that they may send forth many to the work of Thy Church at home and abroad, loving Thee with a pure love and resolved to offer themselves a sacrifice to Thee in winning others to Thy love; though Jesus Christ. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who on the night of Thy Passion didst pray to Thy Father that all they who believe on Him through Thee might be perfected into one. We pray Thee to pour Thy Spirit upon the students of all nations; that they may consecrate themselves to Thy service, even as Thou for their sakes didst consecrate Thyself: and so, being joined together by their common faith and obedience, they may come more perfectly to love and understand one another, that the world may know that Thou hast been sent by the Father to be the Saviour and Lord of all men; Who livest and reignest, one God world without end. Amen.

O Almighty God, Who in divers measures hast inspired men to study and record the revelations of Thy truth, direct the labours of men of science, writers and journalists, towards the advancement of truth, the furtherance of righteousness and the deepening of holiness among all whom they influence; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Almighty and most merciful God, pour out, we pray Thee, abundantly upon the students in our universities and colleges the gift of Thy Holy Spirit, that many among them may in these days hear Thy voice and may surrender their lives to Thee and take up the cross and follow

Thee. Unto all whom Thou hast already called do Thou give so plentifully of Thy grace that they may be increased in faith, lifted to hope, made strong in love, empowered to witness for Thee. Above all, fill them with the true knowledge of Thee and of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Almighty and ever-living God, Who by Thine Apostle hast taught us that young men whose hearts have been opened to receive Thy Word are strong, and have power to triumph over the devil, the world, and the flesh: we heartily thank Thee for all students, both men and women, who at this time are seeking after a closer walk with Thee, that they may be strong to lead their fellows to Thy Christ. Help them to adorn in all things the doctrine of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Above all, we pray Thee to keep alive in their hearts the fire of Thy zeal for the conversion of the world through the perfected unity of all believers. To this end guide their counsels, and prosper their efforts to draw together the students in all lands. Accept the free-will offering of their lives to Thy service, and grant that by their prayers and labours the light of Thy Gospel may shine out in their generation unto the ends of the earth to the glory of Thy Name, and the spread of the kingdom of Thy Son. Amen.

Almighty and most merciful God, we most humbly praise and bless Thy Name for Thy many blessings bestowed upon the World's Student Christian Federation. We pray Thee still to bless and prosper its work, and graciously to use it for the fulfilment of Thy purposes in the establishment of peace among all nations, the restoration of visible unity to Thy Church, the removal of all social injustice, and the evangelisation of the whole world.

Give wisdom, faith, and courage to all who direct the policy of the Federation; keep in health and safety

those who work and travel for it; and grant that by its means the students in all lands may be brought into relations of love and sympathy with one another, and may earnestly and wisely unite in Thy service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty and most loving Father, we humbly beseech Thee for Thy blessing upon the Student Christian Movement. We pray Thee to give faith and wisdom to all who have the guidance of its affairs; that nothing may be undertaken except with firm confidence in Thy help and with a whole-hearted desire for Thy honour and glory. And to all of us grant an unfailing spirit of love and fellowship, that we may ourselves burn with zeal for Thy service and kindle in the hearts of others a like desire; that so our lives and theirs may gladly be spent for the advancement of Thy Kingdom in this and every land; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, without Whose help labour is useless, without Whose light search is vain, invigorate my studies, and direct my inquiries, that I may, by due diligence and right discernment, establish myself and others in Thy holy faith. Take not, O Lord, Thy Holy Spirit from me; let not evil thoughts have dominion in my mind. Let me not linger in ignorance, but enlighten and support me, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, Who art the Author of Knowledge and the Fountain of Light, from Whom alone cometh every good gift, illuminate with Thy Holy Spirit my understanding, enkindle my affection and strengthen my will, that all my powers being devoted to Thy service, my studies may be for Thy glory. Through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Direct, O Lord, the work of Education, and guide all those to whom Thou hast entrusted it, that in their various stations they may do Thee hearty service, and, their task completed, they may render up their account with joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, Who by Thy holy Apostles hast taught us to do all things in the Name of the Lord Jesus and to Thy glory, give Thy blessing, we pray Thee, to our daily work, that we may do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men. All our powers of mind and body are Thine, and we would fain devote them to Thy service. Sanctify them and the work in which they are engaged; let us not be slothful but fervent in spirit. Save us from all pride and vanity, and reliance upon our own power or wisdom. Teach us to seek after truth, and enable us to gain it; but grant that we may ever speak the truth in love, that, while we know earthly things, we may know Thee, and be known by Thee, through and in Thy Son Jesus Christ. Give us this day Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be Thine in body and spirit, in all our work and all our recreation, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, everlasting God, bless, we beseech Thee, the boys and girls of our schools; to the end that they may be truthful, pure, obedient, and ready to do their duty in that state of life to which it shall please Thee to call them. Give also to those whom Thou hast set over them grace, so to bring them up for Thee, that teachers and scholars may meet with joy in the day of Thy appearing, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

For Help in Bible and other Religious Study.

Blessed Lord, Who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in

such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of Thy Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Blessed Lord, by Whose Providence all Holy Scriptures were written and preserved for our instruction, give us grace to study them this and every day, with patience and love. Strengthen our souls with the fulness of their Divine teaching. Keep from us all pride and irreverence. Guide us in the deep things of Thy heavenly wisdom, and of Thy great mercy lead us by Thy Word unto everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

O God of peace, the true Light of faithful souls, the Helper of the needy, and the Saviour of the sinful, be present unto our prayers, and give unto us the spirit of wisdom, that we may hear and understand Thy Word, and strength that we may keep it unto life eternal; for Christ's sake. Amen.

O Lord, Thy Word is before us, give us a meek and reverent and teachable mind, whilst we read and study it. Open to us its sacred truths, and enable us to receive it, not as the word of men, but as the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. Be Thou, O Blessed Spirit, our teacher. Enlighten our minds and prepare our hearts. Shine, Lord, upon Thine own sacred page, and make it clear to us. What we see not show us, and where we are wrong correct us. Bring home some portion to our soul, and thus make us wise unto salvation. Through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

For Foreign Missions.

O great Lord of the harvest, send forth, we beseech Thee, labourers into the harvest of the world, that the

grain which is even now ripe may not fall and perish through our neglect. Pour forth Thy Sanctifying Spirit on our fellow Christians abroad, and Thy converting grace on the heathen.

Raise up, we beseech Thee, a devout ministry among the native believers, that, all Thy people being knit together in one body, in love, Thy Holy Church may grow up into the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ; through Him Who died and rose again for us all, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, Who by Thy Son Jesus Christ hast commanded us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, make us faithful and obedient to do Thy holy will. Give us compassion for all who are living without Thee in the world. Send forth, we beseech Thee, labourers into Thy harvest. Protect and guide them wherever they go. Give them patience, love, and a right judgment in all things. Gather in Thine elect from all nations, and hasten Thy Kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, Who hast made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the whole earth, and didst send Thy Blessed Son to preach peace to them that are far off, and to them that are nigh; grant that all the peoples of the world may feel after Thee and find Thee; and hasten, O Lord, the fulfilment of Thy promise to pour out Thy Spirit upon all flesh. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Look down in compassion, O Lord Christ, upon Thine own people, the Jews, in all parts of the world. Open their hearts to receive Thee, their true Messiah and Saviour. Forgive those who have persecuted them. Help us to care for them, and ever to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, for Thy sake, Who art both the Light to lighten the Gentiles, and also the Glory of Thy people Israel. Amen.

O Lord, Jesus Christ, Who didst charge Thine Apostles that they should preach the Gospel to every nation; prosper, we pray Thee, all missions, both at home and abroad. Give them all things needful for their work, making them to be centres of spiritual life, to the quickening of many souls, and the glory of Thy holy Name. Support, guide, and bless all Thy servants who are called to labour in those parts of Thy vineyard, give them grace to witness to the Faith, endue them with burning zeal and love, make them patient under all disappointments, and meekly submissive under all persecutions, that they may turn many to righteousness, and may themselves win a crown of everlasting glory. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We pray Thee, O heavenly Father and Lord of the harvest, that Thou wilt send forth additional labourers into Thy harvest. Prosper, we beseech Thee, all efforts that are made to train and prepare those whom Thou dost call to devote their lives to the service of Thy Church abroad. We pray especially for all missionary colleges at home and abroad. Bless those who teach therein, and grant that their labours may abound to Thy honour and glory. Purify and enlighten the students. Put far from them all selfish ambitions and aims; fill them with wisdom and understanding, that they may become fit to act as Thy messengers, and to accomplish the work to which Thou hast called them. We ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, Thy Son and our Saviour. Amen.

Almighty God, Who by Thy Son Jesus Christ hast granted unto us a knowledge of Thy love, and hast bidden us to share, with others, that which we have ourselves received, we thank Thee for Thy servants that have gone forth from our midst, to spread the knowledge of Thy love amongst those nations and peoples who are

still living in ignorance of it. Grant that we, who remain at home, may continually support and aid them by our sympathy, that we may rejoice with them in the success of their work, and sorrow with them in their difficulties and disappointments, that so we may at length share with them in the joy of their reward. We ask this in the Name of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

O God, our Heavenly Father, Who didst manifest Thy love by sending Thine only begotten Son into the world that all might live through Him, pour Thy Spirit upon Thy Church that it may fulfil His commands to preach the Gospel to every creature; send forth, we beseech Thee, labourers into Thy harvest. Defend them in all dangers and temptations, and hasten the time when the fulness of the Gentiles shall be gathered in, and all Israel shall be saved. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, we pray Thee at this time to bless all Missionary Societies. Prosper the work of their committees. Give to the members the spirit of faith, patience, and perseverance. May offerings of money and of service abound as an encouragement to unceasing prayer, and hasten the time when the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth, as the waters cover the sea; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Most Merciful Father, we beseech Thee to send upon Thy servants who labour abroad, and among the heathen, Thy heavenly blessing, that they may be clothed with righteousness, and that Thy Word, spoken by their mouths, may never be in vain. Give them the spirit of power, and of love, and of a sound mind; strengthen them to endure hardness, and grant that both by their life and teaching they may set forth Thy glory. Defend them in all dangers and temptations, and hasten the time when the fulness of the Gentiles shall be gathered in, and all Israel shall be saved. Amen.

O God, Who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of Thy dear Son, unite us in true fellowship in the furtherance of the Gospel, both at home and abroad and in heathen lands. Use each of us as Thou wilt in preparing Thy way; make us to abound more and more in prayers and in freewill offerings for the extension of Thy Kingdom throughout the world. Bestow upon us the manifold gifts of Thy Holy Spirit, and grant us grace to stir up those gifts and use them always to Thy glory and the salvation of mankind. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O most merciful Saviour and Redeemer, Who wouldest not that any should perish, but that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, fulfil Thy gracious promise to be present with those who are gone forth in Thy Name to preach the Gospel of salvation in distant lands. Be with them in all their toils to strengthen them, and in every danger to deliver them. Prosper the work of their hands upon them; O prosper Thou their handiwork to Thine honour and glory, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

O Thou Who didst send forth Thine only begotten Son to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease, both of body and soul, and hast received Him again unto Thine own right hand, where He ever liveth to make intercession for us, we beseech Thee ever to regard with Thy mercy those who are gathered together in our Mission Hospitals to seek the blessing of renewed health at Thy hand. Grant unto them all, O Lord, forgiveness of all their sins, and heal and deliver them from all infirmity of body or soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who livest and reignest in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

We humbly beseech Thee, O most merciful God and Father, to bless abundantly those societies which are labouring for the extension of Thy Kingdom in foreign lands. Build up the native Churches, enable all converts to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith they have been called, and give light to those now beginning to seek after Thy truth, so that they may pass out of darkness, and become children of the day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, the God of Abraham, look upon Thine everlasting covenant, and cause the captivity of Judah and of Israel to return. They are Thy people, O be Thou their Saviour, that all who love Jerusalem and mourn for her may rejoice with her; for Jesus Christ's sake, their Saviour and ours. Amen.

O God of all the nations of the earth, remember the multitudes of the heathen, who, though created in Thine image, are still in their ignorance; and according to the propitiation of Thy Son Jesus Christ, grant that by the prayers and labours of Thy Holy Church they may be delivered from all superstition and unbelief, and brought to worship Thee; through Him Whom Thou hast sent to be our salvation, the Resurrection, and the Life of all the faithful, the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For a Missionary Campaign.

Almighty and most merciful Father, Who didst give Thine Only Son to be a propitiation for the sins of the whole world, and didst send Thy Holy Spirit that the Church should be His witness in all the earth; pour out Thy Holy Spirit upon those taking part in this campaign, and open the hearts of the hearers to receive Thy message delivered by them. Give unto them the spirit of power, and of love, and of a sound mind, that

in all their work they may set forward Thy glory, and help forward the salvation of souls, that so the heathen may become Thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth Thy possession, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For a Retreat.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who didst say to Thy disciples, Come ye apart, into a desert place, and rest awhile; grant, we beseech Thee, to Thy servants now gathered together (. . . .) so to seek Thee Whom our (*their*) souls desire to love, that *we* may both find Thee and be found of Thee; and grant such love and such wisdom to accompany the words which shall be spoken in Thy name, that they may not fall to the ground, but may be helpful in leading *us* onward through the toils of our pilgrimage to that rest which remaineth to the people of God, where, nevertheless, they rest not day nor night from Thy perfect service; Who livest and reignest God for ever and ever. Amen.

For Universal Peace.

Almighty God, Who art the Father of all men upon the earth, most heartily we pray Thee that Thou wilt keep Thy children from the cruelties of war, and lead the nations in the way of peace. Teach us to put away all bitterness and misunderstanding both in Church and State, that we with all the brethren of the Son of Man, may draw together as one comity of peoples, and dwell evermore in the fellowship of that Prince of Peace, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen.

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